



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

BETHLEHEM NEWS AUGUST 2024

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BETHLEHEM'S MISSION...

"To share the Living Water of Jesus Christ with all who thirst."

WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Traditional

(Please note the new Summer Schedule)

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Worship

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st & 3rd Sundays

FELLOWSHIP TIME - 10:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - resumes in Sept.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 10:15 a.m.

VACANCY PASTOR - Reverend Bob Pudell

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Pastor's email:

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Bethlehem is continuing its summer schedule through Labor Day weekend. We are looking forward to worshipping together over the summer and provide some variety in our services to showcase the traditional and contemporary styles of worship. We still have the Saturday evening service at the normal time of 5:00 p.m. There is **one** Sunday morning service at **9:00 a.m.** with a short coffee/bible study after the service. **On August 18, the 9:00 a.m. service will be at BCMC.**

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Bethlehem Call Committee has been working through the process of calling a new pastor to guide our congregation. The Northern Illinois District has outlined steps that we must follow, and those steps require time to coordinate and complete.

First round interviews are scheduled for the middle of August. The committee is developing questions that revolve around our 5 key characteristics that the congregation has said is important for the future Pastor to demonstrate.

Pastor Characteristics

1. Inspirational Leadership
2. Outreach
3. Preaching & Teaching
4. Versatility
5. Relational

We appreciate your patience and understanding that we are all working to achieve the same goal of finding our next shepherd.

-Bethlehem Call Committee

VACANCY PASTOR UPDATE

God's Blessings. Bethlehem has been blessed with God's guidance to bring Pastor Pudell to Bethlehem over the past 10 months. He has been a faithful servant of Christ and a shepherd to Bethlehem. Pastor has worked on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through his Sunday messages, Bible studies and everyday ministry. He even brought together area churches this spring to talk through how we can better work together as one body of Christ. Through these conversations, I believe God brought forth another opportunity for Bethlehem in identifying our next Vacancy Pastor as Pastor Pudell's time with us is coming to an end. On a personal note, I am so grateful and honored to have worked alongside Pastor. I have witnessed his unconditional love of God and the love for our Church. Pastor continues to stretch our comfort levels and always encourages us to share the good news of our Savior.

August 25th will be Pastor Bob's last weekend as our Vacancy Pastor. The Council can't thank Pastor enough for his leadership and guidance over the past 10 months. Pastor will be moving on to work with his home congregation in Roselle.

With guidance from our District President, Allan Buss and from Pastor Yonker of Immanuel, Pastor Joe Glombicki will begin on September 3rd to serve as our Vacancy Pastor and will continue through February, 2025 (unless a new Pastor is called). Pastor Glombicki is the Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee. He will retain some limited duties at Immanuel (teaching a few mornings each week at Immanuel School) while serving as Bethlehem's Vacancy Pastor. We are blessed by Immanuel's cooperation with this opportunity. This provides the opportunity to work more closely with our surrounding brothers

and sisters in Christ, in outreach and in missions, to our local community in Dundee and Carpentersville.

The Call Committee is slated to conduct interviews of potential candidates in August so please continue to pray for them as the committee evaluates each candidate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or to Lynn Peterson (Head Elder).

Matthew Schmidt, Chairman
847-715-8150

LEHMAN-WEBER WEDDING INVITATION 🏰💕

Michael David Lehman (son of Scott and Martha Lehman, and grandson of DeLoris Doederlein) will marry Rachael Angela Weber at 12:30 pm. Saturday, August 3 at Bethlehem.

As many of you have been long-time members of Mike's "church family," the Lehmans would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to attend both the wedding and a short reception afterwards in the fellowship hall. Gifts are not necessary. Please come to congratulate Mike and meet his new bride!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE - August, 2024

In 27 B.C., the emperor Augustus became the ruler of Rome after Julius Caesar's death. Octavian was adopted by Julius Caesar, who in turn changed his name to Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus. Octavian rejected all titles such as king or emperor. The most he would agree to be called was **Augustus, meaning "honored" or "revered one."**

The month of August got its name from the ancient Romans who named this month for Augustus Caesar.

August is usually the hottest month of the year in most of the United States and Canada. It's a great month to head to the beach or to the woods to cool off. It's also a month with no national holidays. In many places, school resumes, and schedules and traffic change accordingly. Through all of our earthly routines and transitions, our God is with us and continues to love and bless us!

August is a great month to begin to see and reap the harvest of what you've planted whether it is flowers, vegetables, or faith.

This August, Bethlehem will be implementing new missions and new ministries to help people in need, to help people grow in their faith, and to help churches in this community work better together. It looks like this will be the beginnings of a great fall season for our community in the light and the love of God!

God is the one who makes all things happen! God is the one who creates faith by the working of the Holy Spirit. God is the one who will bring growth through faith and perseverance. Our mission remains with the planting and the watering, we are the laborers in His fields where the harvest is plentiful. God is the one who will guide us, bless us, and nurture faith to grow, to His praise and glory!

August is a great month to remember the true *honored* or *revered* one - our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We do that in our worship, and in the living out of our faith. I pray that you enjoy a safe, blessed, and fruitful month of August!

Pastor Bob

VERSE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST (Matthew 22:37-39):

“Jesus said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first

commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

TRUSTEES UPDATE

By Scott Heifetz

Restoration of the Education wing, including new ceiling and floor tiles, carpeting and lighting fixtures is complete, pending the final walk-through. Thank you to all who spent many hours helping navigate through this huge undertaking.

A number of building issues have arisen in quick succession that require immediate attention at BLC. First the air conditioning unit for the balcony/narthex went out and needs to be replaced; the quotes range from \$10,000-20,000 depending on a partial or total replacement of the unit. Next, the original motor for the pipe organ froze up and needs to be replaced. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$14,000. Lastly, the brick in several areas of the facade is in dire need of tuckpointing. A masonry assessed the exterior last week and will soon provide an estimate. Finally, the locust tree located behind the parsonage is rotting at its base, and should be taken down before it causes damage should it fall. The estimated cost is \$2,400.

All these issues are unanticipated expenses, let alone all happening one right after the other!

Please prayerfully consider if you can provide financial assistance.



CHOIR DIRECTOR - SINGERS WANTED

Bethlehem is excited that we have a new choir director. We welcome Mary Pieper and her talents to Bethlehem. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Mary or Nancy Petersen.

Choir will be practicing each Wednesday in August at 10 am. All are welcome!

HELPING HAND MINISTRY

Helping Hand Ministry at Bethlehem is accepting donations of used medical equipment in good shape for our new lending closet.

We are looking for wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and other mobility aids. We will also accept other medical supplies.

This lending closet will serve our area and offer people free rentals of the medical equipment they need. This is a great community outreach for Bethlehem.

Please contact Gia Winkler if you have any donations or want more information.

OFFERINGS FOR JULY

Date	General	Other	Total
7/7/2024	\$4,146.38	\$ 545.56	\$4,691.94
7/14/2024	\$2,774.19	\$1,005.00	\$3,779.19
7/21/2024	\$2,826.19	\$ 995.00	\$3,821.19
7/28/2024	\$2,822.54	\$ 212.40	\$3,034.94

CHURCH COUNCIL BOARD UPDATE SCHEDULE

August: Trustees

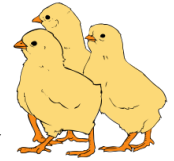
September: Treasurer

November: Financial Secretary

December: Elders

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All are welcome! Mondays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



LUTHERAN CHICKS BIBLE STUDY

The Lutheran Chicks Bible study group is studying the series "Women and Identity." This series is focusing on learning about women who embraced God's strength and wisdom to live whole lives. This women's study group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The meeting dates for August are August 13th and August 27th. The meetings start at 1 p.m. and finish at 2 p.m. We meet in the library. All ladies are welcome.

PILATES "Let's Get Moving"

Classes are offered every Friday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring water. We'll be meeting on August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Everyone is welcome! Experience the fun of exercise and good health! Questions? Linda Bryant 630-338-6515

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

By Karen Lawson

Sunday School

Thank you to Scott Heifetz and the Board of Trustees for getting new carpet and tile installed in both Sunday School rooms just in time for Rally Sunday, September 8. Everything looks beautiful and we are so very grateful to everyone's efforts. The children will be so excited to get back to their normal worship space since we were displaced by "the flood" 😊 over 6 months ago.

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes

Also, through August we will continue to collect 16 pack crayola crayons, 8 pack colored pencils and markers for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. All of these items can be found at Walmart or Target for good prices. Thank you for your donations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - August 🎂

8/2	Andie Robinson	8/18	Nancy Gullickson
8/5	Tanya Keegan	8/22	Simon Goskowicz
8/6	Amanda Schaffer	8/24	Randy Weinert
8/8	Lisa Hofbauer	8/25	Jim Wilbrandt
8/8	Carol Nelson	8/25	Thomas Lamb
8/9	Sam Tang	8/26	Dominik Post
8/11	Will Koeppel	8/26	Candace Denk
8/13	Ayden Stennett	8/28	Max Bauer
8/14	Dewaine Nelson	8/28	Connor Bauer
8/15	Vanessa Skibley	8/29	Anita Stayner
8/15	Ashley Skibley	8/30	Kris Maliszewski
8/16	Elix Strong	8/30	Pam Krumsee
8/16	Ginny Terrell	8/31	Nancy Peterson
8/15	Cindy Weinert	8/31	Taylor Lamb

❤️ HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ❤️

8/07/1976	Larry & Vicky Wilbrandt	48 years
8/10/2013	Jason & Erin Kraus	11 years
8/16/1975	Ken & Nancy Gullickson	49 years
8/25/1984	Greg & Tami Kraus	40 years
8/30/2008	Shawn & Michelle Bauer	16 years

✚ CALLED HOME

[Jane Kennedy](#) - December 29, 1934-July 1, 2024

Laid to rest July 8, 2024

[Rebecca Clark](#) - May 19, 1958-July 17, 2024

Laid to rest July 20, 2024

BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 🎄

Only 4 more months to craft things for our Christmas Bazaar. A large variety of things are needed to make it interesting for men, women and children - also pets. If you are in need of a place to store things until the first weekend in December, please just leave them at the office with a note "Christmas Bazaar, Martha and Dorothy." Our goal is to have the best bazaar ever with a large variety of articles for sale. We already have several donations, one being a variety of hand made "Tissue Box" holders, each one different and beautifully made. We need everyone's help and the only requirement is that the articles be hand crafted. All proceeds from this bazaar will be given to Women's Guild and used for their many missions they support both at home and away. If you have any questions, please contact either Dorothy Pigors by phone or text at 224-489-3000, Denise Korosec at 847-828-0391 or Cindy Weinert at 847-217-5674.



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH **Boys & Girls Clubs of Dundee Township**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dundee Township “BGCDT” is one of the largest Club organizations in the State of Illinois, serving over 2,000 Club members throughout the year in after-school programming, summer programs and athletic leagues.

BGCDT operates in ten (10) community schools within Districts 300, 220, and 158 along with a high school in Carpentersville.

BGCDT offers free school lunches and evening meals to many that qualify. In many locations, they offer homework help and tutoring. During the time that kids were being educated online, the club offered a place for some children to go as they did not have a place to set up a computer to join in their class. These services, plus more, are provided in a safe and fun environment in which the children thrive.

Please consider making a donation in your giving envelope.
~ H.I.S. “Hearts in Service” Ministry/Missions

HOSPITALITY HOUSE UPDATE

A huge Thank You for all the support in making this ministry come together. It is truly an example of God's Love in Action! Thank You to everyone who has already donated.

The family has moved in! We will be organizing a “meet the family” day in the next few weeks.

We ask for continued prayers for David’s healing, and for Paige and the children as they navigate this difficult time.

We also still have a need for precooked meals.

Several of our sister churches have been participating in putting this house together. It is such a blessing to see so many churches coming together to support this wonderful ministry. Thank you so much for your continued support! God Bless You!
Gia Winkler

DEACONESS KARINA MAZARIEGOS’ COMMISSIONED SERVICE

It is with great joy and thankfulness that we would like to invite the Bethlehem Congregation to the Vida y Fe's Special Service on August 11th. At 11:30 AM where Karina Mazariegos will be commissioned as Vida y Fe's Deaconess.

Please RSVP before August 5th to vidayfe.elgin@gmail.com

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

VIDA Y FE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Vida y Fe is accepting donations for its annual garage sale through August 10, in the BCMC building.

They are accepting donations of new or gently used items, such as: household items, clothes, books, stationery, artwork, gardening tools, sporting goods and toys.

They also accept small furniture including nightstands, dining tables, lamps, and headboards. Please no large furniture, old electronics or car seats.

Call (224-802-2949) or email (vidayfe.elgin@gmail.com) to set up a time to donate.